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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE PREMIER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, DON DUNSTAN.GOVERNMENT SPENDING.

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Details of how the additional funds for Government spending secured for South Australia at Monday's Premiers' Conference will be allocated were today announced by the Premier, Mr. Dunstan.

He said additional works loans and grants totalling \$4.6M. will be made during the current financial year, there will be an extra \$1.4M. in revenue grants and \$500,000 for semi-governmental borrowing.

An additional \$135,000 a month (\$675,000 this financial year) will go for rural unemployment grants and will be allocated on the same basis as those made earlier.

The detailed breakdown is:

Work loans and grants (\$4,600,000)

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| 1. Further contribution to housing split equally between the Housing Trust and home loans | \$600,000 |
| 2. Special programme for upgrading and re-equipping older Housing Trust homes involving a demand for locally produced equipment and services | \$600,000 |
| 3. Additional provision for hospital and other Government buildings | \$2,300,000 |
| 4. Harbours works in dredging contracts and materials | \$700,000 |
| 5. School buildings | \$400,000 |

Revenue Grants (\$1,400,000)

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| 1. Increased work on maintenance of Government buildings, including schools, hospitals, houses, etc. | \$500,000 |
| 2. Accelerated replacement of older motor vehicles in Government Departments, particularly police vehicles | \$250,000 |
| 3. Increased support for the needy through institutions, public relief, etc. | \$200,000 |
| 4. Special purposes such as railway relaying, agriculture (fruit fly work), hospital grants, and various departmental provisions for maintenance | \$450,000 |

Semi-governmental borrowing (\$500,000)

Allocated to the Housing Trust to expedite programmes in provision of factories and factory extensions for leasing.